Clearing Old Stock of Foodgrains

2684. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item which appeared in 'The Hindu' dated the 8th March, 2001, stating that 30 per cent of Food Corporation of India's (FCI) grain stock is between two and four years old and some of the grain is as old as sixteen years;

(b) if so, the details of the foodgrains stored alongwith the consequent year of stock as on date, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to clear the old stock of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the total stock of foodgrains with FCI as on 1-3-2002 was 295.7 lakh MT. Out of this, 42.4 lakh MT is more than 2 years old, which works out to only 14.3% of the total stocks.

(b) A Statement showing the region-wise, age-wise position of Wheat/Rice & Paddy as on 28.2.2002 is enclosed at Statement-I (*See* below)

(c) The steps taken to clear the old stocks of Foodgrains are enclosed at Statement—II

Statement—I

Region Wise, Age Wise Position of Wheat/Rice/Paddy on 28.02.2002.

Fig. in MTs

S. No.	Region	Upto 1 year			Upto 1-2 years		
		Wheat	Rice	Paddy	Wheat	Rice	Paddy
	East Zone						
1.	Bihar	53947	81311	16922	25585	73550	1733
2.	Jharkhand	24754	26467	0	0	7593	0

Fig. in MTs.

S. No.	Region	Upto 1 year			Upto 1-2 years		
		Wheat	Rice	Paddy	Wheat	Rice	Paddy
	East Zone						
3.	Orissa	17871	434824	0	935	16696	0
4.	West Bengal	175539	240254	0	51174	89137	0
	Zone Total	302111	782856	16922	77674	186976	1733
	NEF Zone						
5.	Assam	17523	99619	0	560	5507	0
6.	NEF States	10539	49952	0	0	33	0
	ZoneTotal	28096	149601	0	560	5540	0
	North Zone						
7.	Delhi	57687	37992	0	106582	3098	0
8.	Haryana	70776	793819	41767	40540	934565	0
9.	Himachal Pradesh	5999	6759	1	1022	429	0
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	32561	39519	0	0	5544	0
11.	Punjab	771338	2878830	1084912	185529	4991721	6109
12.	Rajasthan	742885	26164	10147	482836	20213	0
13.	Uttar Pradesh	1141343	1073078	0	165596	380965	0
14.	Uttaranchal	21029	151465	0	44	3508	0
	Zone Total	2843418	5007626	1136827	982449	6340042	6109
	South Zone						
15.	Andhra Pradesh	263563	1819053	1838	27231	287746	0
16.	Kerala	25436	305475	0	7981	199708	0
17.	Karnataka	180487	410544	0	10632	73747	0
18.	Tamilnadu	93042	734572	0	60705	182680	0
	Zone Total	562528	3269644	1838	106549	743881	0
	West Zone						
19.	Gujarat	193611	34685	0	212158	39044	0
20.	Maharashtra	114196	137933	0	312777	205142	0
21.	Madhya Pradesh	143045	154525	19190	133026	69785	0
22.	Chattisgarh	382	432868	0	16795	240786	0
	Zone Total	451214	760011	19190	674756	554757	0
	Country Total	4187367	9969738	1174777	1841992	7831196	7842

Fig. in MTs.

S. No.	Region	2 to 3 years			3 to 4 years		
		Wheat	Rice	Paddy	Wheat	Rice	Paddy
East Zone							
1.	Bihar	6264	10689	0	0	0	998
2.	Jharkhand	0	34	0	0	0	0
3.	Orissa	27	4682	0	0	4252	0
4.	West Bengal	23315	4653	0	1020	12432	0
	Zone Total	29506	20068	0	1020	16684	998
	NEF Zone						
5.	Assam	1631	19454	0	29	4003	0
6.	NEF States	0	3825	0	0	0	0
	Zone Total	1631	23279	0	29	4003	0
	North Zone						
7.	Delhi	97029	7285	0	16204	1001	0
8.	Haryana	471	410773	0	4218	1770	0
9.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	0	3135	0	1	3051	0
11.	Punjab	14360	796756	26684	16232	310394	194
12.	Rajasthan	180283	38310	0	34633	1612	0
13.	Uttar Pradesh	179006	230020	0	191803	32845	0
14.	Uttaranchal	552	38547	0	0	2506	0
	Zone Total	470751	5224828	26684	263191	353179	194
	South Zone						
15.	Andhra Pradesh	52602	3593	0	2288	0	0
16.	Kerala	822	45882	0	0	26616	0
17.	Karnataka	20414	50365	0	390	8019	0
18.	Tamilnadu	21476	18173	0	8695	678	0
	Zone Total	95314	118013	0	11373	35313	0
	West Zone						
19.	Gujarat	154166	41021	0	38818	1431	0
20.	Maharashtra	353370	152662	0	236711	32187	0
21.	Madhya Pradesh	62973	30132	0	29925	15247	0

Fig. in M.Ts.

S. No.	Region	2 to 3 years			3 to 4 years		
		Wheat	Rice	Paddy	Wheat	Rice	Paddy
	East Zone						
22.	Chhattisgarh	17907	74795	0	0	3103	0
	Zone Total	538918	299410	0	305454	52468	0
	Country Total	1136120	1985544	26684	581067	461647	1192

Figs. in M.Ts.

S. No.	Region	4 to 5 years			More than 5 years		
		Wheat	Rice	Paddy	Wheat	Rice	Paddy
	East Zone						
1.	Bihar	0	0	294	0	4209	193
2.	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.	Orissa	0	0	0	0	0	0
4.	West Bengal	0	5023	0	0	2346	0
	Zone Total	0	5023	294	0	6555	193
	NEF Zone	0					
5.	Assam	0	1002	0	0	85	0
6.	NEF States	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ZoneTotal	0	1002	0	0	85	0
	North Zone						
7.	Delhi	0	850	0	0	0	0
8.	Haryana	0	5186	2186	0	0	0
9.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.	Punjab	0	31862	0	0	34535	
12.	Rajasthan	2242	614	0	0	6143	0
13.	Uttar Pradesh	13760	9532	0	0	41305	0
14.	Uttaranchal	0	3670	0	0	0	0
	Zone Total	16022	51714	2186	0	81983	0
	South Zone						
15.	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Kerala	0	6387	0	0	4429	0
17.	Karnataka	0	0	0	0	0	0
18.	Tamilnadu	0	0	0	0	14077	0

Fig. in MTs

S. No.	Region	4 to 5 years			More than 5 years		
		Wheat	Rice	Paddy	Wheat	Rice	Paddy
	East Zone						
	Zone Total	0	6387	0	0	18506	0
	West Zone						
19.	Gujarat	2909	1960	0	0	0	0
20.	Maharashtra	34663	13160	0	8773	632	0
21.	Madhya Pradesh	48110	3600	0	0	0	0
22.	Chhttisgarh	0	857	0	0	10353	0
	Zone Total	85682	19597	0	8773	10985	0
	Country Total	101704	83723	2489	8773	118114	193

Fig. in MTs

S. No.	Region	Wheat	Rice	Paddy
	East Zone			
1.	Bihar	115675	169759	20140
2.	Jharkhand	24754	34094	0
3.	Orissa	15833	460454	0
4.	West Bengal	251048	353855	0
	Zone Total	410311	1018162	20140
	NEF Zone			
5.	Assam	19781	129870	0
6.	NEF States	10559	53840	0
	Zone Total	30320	163510	0
	North Zone			
7.	Delhi	377552	50226	0
8.	Haryana	116105	2146113	43953
9.	Himachal Pradesh	7021	7188	1
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	32562	51249	0
11.	Punjab	967759	7044100	1117899
12.	Rajasthan	1442879	93055	10147
13.	Uttar Pradesh	1690328	1767745	0
14.	Uttaranchal	21625	199696	0
	Zone Total	4575831	13359372	1172000
	South Zone			
15.	Andhra Pradesh	345654	2110392	1838
16.	Kerala	34629	588497	0

Fig. in MTs

S. No.	Region	Wheat	Rice	Paddy
	East Zone			
17.	Karnataka	211533	542675	0
18.	Tamilnadu	183918	950180	0
	Zone Total	775764	4191744	1838
	West Zone			
19.	Gujarat	601962	118961	0
20.	Maharashtra	1060690	541716	0
21.	Madhya Pradesh	417081	273789	19190
22.	Chattisgarh	35064	762762	0
	Zone Total	2114797	1697228	19190
	Country Total	7907023	20450018	1213168

Statement—II

To dispose of old and surplus Stocks of foodgrains available in the Central Pool and increase the offtake of Foodgrains from the Central Pool, Government has taken the following measures:—

(i) The allocation of Foodgrains for Below the Poverty Line (BPL) families was revised w.e.f. 1.12.2000 on the basis of population projections of the Registrar General as on 1.3.2000. As a result, the number of BPL families eligible for subsidized foodgrains has increased from 5.96 crore families to 6.52 crore families.

(ii) The Antyodaya Anna Yojna was announced on 25.12.2000 for the one crore poorest of the poor BPL families. The Scheme is now under implementation in all States/UTs. Each of the Antyodaya families is given 25Kg of Foodgrains @ Rs. 2 per Kg. for wheat and Rs. 3 per Kg. for rice.

(iii) Government launched the Food for work Programme in January, 2001 in the drought affected areas of the country. Later, it was extended to States affected by other calamities like floods and cyclones as well 38.33 lakh M.Ts of foodgrains have been made available for distribution under this scheme.

(iv) Government of India has decided to give additional allocation of Foodgrains at BPL rates to drought affected States for distribution to all the drought affected families (BPL & APL) @ 20 Kg. Per family per month for a period of three months in the current financial year. The Govts. of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh,

Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan have already been allotted the additional Foodgrains. The State Government of Bihar has been given additional allocation of 1.80 lakh tones of wheat at BPL rate for flood relief.

(v) The entitlement for BPL families was raised from 10 Kg. Per family per month to 20 Kg. Per family per month from April, 2000 and further to 25 Kg. Per family per month from July, 2001.

(vi) The Central Issue Price (CIP) of wheat and rice was reduced as under with effect from 12.7.2001, which will be valid till 31.3.2002:

(Rs. Per Qtl.)

	BPL	APL
Wheat	415	610
Rice	565	830

(vii) The Ministry of Rural development has launched the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojna (SGRY) on 25th September, 2001 based on the announcement made by the Prime Minister on 15th August, 2001. Under the Programme, it is envisaged to utilize 50 lakh MTs. of Foodgrains every year. The allocation of Foodgrains under SGRY upto 13.2.2002 has been 26.41 lakh MTs.

(viii) Foodgrains are made available at BPL rates for allotment to State Governments @ 5 Kg per head per month for covering categories of indigent people living in welfare institutions, such as beggar homes, orphanages/Nari Niketans, etc. sponsored by the State Governments and the concerned administrative Ministry of the Government of India.

(ix) Foodgrains at CIP applicable for BPL families are being allocated for all welfare schemes including SC/ST/OBC hostels scheme, implemented by the various Ministries of the Government of India.

(x) Foodgrains are being allocated at BPL rates for development schemes (where the beneficiaries belong to the BPL category),

implemented by NGOs sponsored by the State Governments and endorsed by the administrative Ministry in the Government of India, as also by international organizations like the World Food Programme.

(xi) The Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) of wheat is being implemented by Government. Under this Scheme, wheat is sold in the open market by FCI to liquidate the surplus stocks of wheat and at the same time to moderate the price of wheat in the open market. The price of wheat under the OMSS (D) are fixed every month by Food Corporation of India. During the period April, 2001 to February, 2002, a total qty. of 39.17 lakh M.Ts. of wheat has been sold under the Scheme by the FCI as against 9.09 lakh M.Ts. during the preceding year.

As a result of these measures, offtake of foodgrains from the Central Pool has increased to over 230 lakh tonnes during the first 10 months (April—January) as compared with the offtake of 136.8 lakh tonnes during the corresponding period of last year. The increase in offtake works out to 93.2 lakh tonnes (68.27%).

Recently, reduction in the APL CIPs by Rs. 100/- per qtl. in respect of wheat and rice for a period of three months from 1.4.2002 to 1.6.2002 has been effected. The scale of issue for APL, BPL and Antyodaya households @ 35 Kg. per household per month is being fixed and allocation to the States/UTs. is accordingly increased. The scale of issue for all welfare institutions and hostels uniformly @ 15 Kg. Per head per month and addl. Allocation equal to 5% of the BPL allocation to States/UTs. at BPL CIPs on this account. Sales of 50 lakh M.Ts. of wheat and 10 lakh M.Ts of rice under the Open Market Sale Scheme(Domestic) of wheat has been allowed.

Foodgrains Management Policy

2685. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new "Foodgrains Management Policy" is in the anvil of Government;